

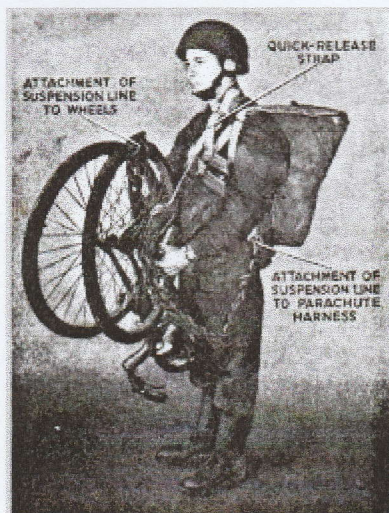
Parachute Bicycle

In our museum we have a bicycle. It is a very special bicycle, it has a secret..... You can see it if you look closely.



Can you see right in the middle of the frame there is something that looks like a little flower? Can you guess what happens if you undo it???

It folds in half! Whoever heard of a bicycle that folds in half. My bicycle doesn't fold in half, does yours?



This one folds in half for a very special reason. It had to be made small so that men could carry it while jumping out of an aeroplane with a parachute. These men were called paratroopers. They had a parachute on their backs and a bicycle on their fronts. So when they landed on the ground they could jump on their bicycles and get to where they needed to be.